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**Churches of St James,
St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew**

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**Services for Sunday 17th May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

St Giles, Uley

10am Parish Holy Communion
Revd Frances Wookey

St James, Dursley

8am Said Holy Communion
Revd Juliet Jensen

10am Reflective Worship
Revd David Vonberg and team

11.30am APCM

Dursley Academy School

10am Shine! Family Worship
Revd Juliet Jensen

Holy Cross, Owlpen

6pm Evensong
Revd Juliet Jensen

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers

Psalm 68: 1-10

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds - his name is the Lord - be exultant before him.

Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.'

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on

behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Joyce, Fiona, Olive, Keith, Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane, Marion, Charlie and Rita. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.

We ask for your prayers for Jo Kirk, Ethel Shill and Joan Spilsbury recently departed. We pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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This Week.

Wednesday 20th May

11am Burial of Joan Spilsbury's ashes at Kingshill Cemetery

6pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 21st May

9am Morning prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 22nd May

4pm Wedding rehearsal at Holy Cross

Saturday 23rd May

1pm Wedding of Jordan and Freya at Holy Cross

Services for 24th May 2026 Pentecost

St James, Dursley

10am Benefice Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Holy Cross, Owlpen

12.30pm Thanksgiving service for Sitara Eliza

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, to join please use this login

Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043 Passcode: 346570

Live stream on 17th May will be from St Giles the link is -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FTcedfg6FU>

St Giles Church, Uley



Musical Bears!

Do join us on Saturday 16th May from 3pm for an afternoon of music combined with teddy bear fun!

- Teas and cake
- Plant stall
- Music by the Thornbury Clarinet Choir
- Chocolate Teddy Bear Hunt
- Best dressed Teddy competition (children and adult classes!)

To be held in St Giles' gardens, do bring a chair or a rug. (If wet, inside the church).



In support of the Friends of St Giles.

St James' Eco-Church with Dursley Freegle present

Choose to re-use Save money Waste less! Share more!

FREE STUFF BRING & TAKE

Saturday 16th May 2026

St. James' Church, Dursley 9.00am – 12 noon

Alongside the regular free book stall

TOYS * GAMES * CLOTHES * SHOES * BEDDING
BRIC-A-BRAC * HOUSEHOLD GOODS * GIFTS * CRAFT



Please bring items in a CLEAN and USABLE state.
Leftover items may be posted on the Freegle website or donated to charity.
We cannot accept electrical goods or knives, sorry

Next events: 18th July 2026, 19th September

Don't throw it away; Give it away with Freegle



St James the Great

Annual Plant Stall



St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2026



10.30am coffee,
tea and cake
11-11.40am
Recital

There is no charge, but a retiring collection will be taken, the proceeds of which go to the work of St James' Church

May 30th Tim Selman

(Organ Scholar, Lincoln Cathedral)

June 27th Keith Hearnshaw

(Concert Organist)

July 25th Piers Maxim

(Malvern Priory)

August 29th William Reynolds

(Minster Church of St Mary, Swansea)

September 26th Andrew Millington

(Former DoM at Exeter Cathedral)

October 31st Bernard West

(Oxford)

Open Garden

at

52 Woodmancote,

Dursley, GL11 4AQ.

Sunday 31st May 2026

1.30-5pm

Afternoon tea and quiz

All donations in aid of

St James the Great

Parking is limited,
so please only drive up
if you are unable to walk.

Music at St James 2026

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| 30th May 10.30am | Coffee, Cake and Music - Tim Selman |
| 6th June 7.30pm | Tyndale Choral Society Concert |
| 14th June 4pm | Piano Recital - Chris Guild |
| 20th June 5.30pm | Kim Wards' pupils piano concert |
| 27th June 10.30am | Coffee, Cake and Music- Keith Hearnshaw |
| 11th July 6.30pm | Dursley Rock and Pop Choir Concert |
| 12th July 6.30pm | Come and Sing Choral Evensong |
| 25th July 10.30am | Coffee, Cake and Music - Piers Maxim |
| 29th Aug 10.30am | Coffee, Cake and Music - William Reynolds |
| 13th Sept 4pm | Piano Recital - Jill Crossland |
| 26th Sept 10.30am | Coffee, Cake and Music - Andrew Millington |
| 31st Oct 10.30am | Coffee, Cake and Music- Bernard West |
| 14th Nov 7.30pm | Tyndale Choral Society Concert |
| 29th Nov 6.30pm | Advent Carols |
| 5th Dec 5.30pm | Kim Wards' Pupils piano concert |
| 16th Dec 7pm | Tyndale Choral Society Christmas Concert |

